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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

12 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: NSC Staff and PFIAB Proposals Regarding "Possible Revisions in the NIE Process"

1. In September the DCI received a memorandum from the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs informing him that the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board had suggested certain changes in the process by which National Intelligence Estimates are produced and enclosing a draft Presidential directive outlining a proposed program for trying these changes on an experimental basis in two specific areas: Soviet anti-submarine warfare capabilities and the accuracy of Soviet ICBMs. That memorandum also informed the DCI that the President wanted his comments on the PFIAB recommendations and the proposed trial run.

2. In subsequent discussions with the NSC Staff and the Secretariat of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, we learned that the September memorandum was intended to summarize the recommendations of, and had been prompted by, a letter which the PFIAB had sent to the President on 8 August 1975 over the signature of the Board's chairman.

3. Attached is a draft DCI response together with copies of the other documents mentioned above. The Director would appreciate receiving your comments on this proposed response as soon as possible since in replying to the President, he would like to convey not only his own views but also to reflect the views of the United States Intelligence Board.

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Attachments

- a. Draft DCI Response
- b. 8 September 1975 Memorandum from the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs (with draft Presidential directive appended)
- c. 8 August 1975 Letter from the PFIAB to the President

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